Polluting Periyar river water.

248. MR. PAUL THALIAT: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Health be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints from the public of Varapuzha pakuthi in Parur taluk about their inability to use for drinking and bathing purposes the water of Periyar by the letting out to the river poisonous and dirty water by the authorities of the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore, Ltd.;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the dates on which the first and last complaints were received; and

(*c*) whether any action has been taken so far?

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 13-4-1947 and 16-6-1948 respectively; and

(*c*) Yes. Arrangements were made for representative samples of water from the river in the vicinity of the Company being collected at intervals of three months during the rainy season and every month during the summer months, namely, Makaram, Kumbhom, Meenom, Medom and analysed by the water Analyst attached to the Research Laboratory to ascertain the extent of pollution of the water. The results of the analysis revealed that the pollution is only transitory and not of a serious nature.

MR. PAUL THALIAT: സാനിട്ടറി സക്കിൾ ആഫീസരോ, ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ഹെൽത്താഫീസരോ ഈ വെള്ളം പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: I am not aware. The present analysis to which I refer was done by persons who are far more competent to do the work than the Government Officer.

MR. PAUL THALIAT: ഗവൺമെൻറ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനാണോ, അതോ കമ്പനിയുടെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനാണോ ആരാണ് വെള്ളം പരിശോധിച്ച ആൾ?

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: It is the Analyst attached to the Research Laboratory of the Public Health Department of the Travancore Government.

MR. PAUL THALIAT: ആ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ ഈ സ്ഥലത്തുപോയി ഈ വെള്ളമാണോ പരിശോധിച്ചത്, അതോ വേറെ വല്ല വെള്ളവുമാണോ?

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: The water examined was the water from the river collected from places mentioned in my answer, and due care has been taken to collect what is called "representative samples" of water.

Outlet to Periyar River.

249. MR. PAUL THALIAT: Will the Honourable Minister for Land be pleased to state.

(*a*) Whether any complaint has been received from the public of Eloor and other karas of Varapuzha pakuthi, Parur taluk about

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